

Welcome to Spencer County Highlights 2005 Edition

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SUMMARY OF SPENCER COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

The county's population estimate for 2004 was 20,310, down .4 percent from the 2000 Census total. During this same time period, Indiana's total 2004 estimated population of 6,237,569 was up by 2.6 percent.

According to the 2000 Census, 10,950 people twenty-five years of age or over were high school graduates and/or had post-high school education. This amount represented 81.2 percent of the twenty-five and up county population. Of that population, 1,751 or 13 percent were four year college graduates or higher. In 2003, of the 299 persons graduating high school that year, 240 or 80.3 percent intended to go on to higher education.

A total of 2,346 workers or 20.3 percent of the workforce commuted into Spencer County in 2003. Perry County sent the most workers into the county. Conversely, 4,852 or 34.5 percent of the labor force commuted to work outside of the county. Dubois County received the most workers from Spencer County.

The estimated average unemployment rate for 2004 was 5.2 percent, the same as Indiana's annual average of 5.2 percent. The county's unemployment rate was based on an estimated average residential labor force of 10,630. Of that labor force, 10,080 were employed and 550 were unemployed.

For the year 2004, there were 7,178 jobs at industries within the county. The largest employing industry in the county was manufacturing (1,611 jobs) with 22.4 percent of the total industry employment. The trade, transportation, and utilities industry (1,607 jobs) was second also 22.4 percent of total employment.

The industry showing the most growth in jobs over the three year period (since 2001) was professional and business services, increasing 210 jobs or 68.9 percent above 2001. Fourteen percent of employers in the county employed 20 or more workers and those represented 71.7 percent of all employment.

The all industry average 2004 earnings for the county was \$29,382 per year versus Indiana's \$34,693. The county average wage was an increase of 2 percent over the 2001 county industry average wage. Two of Spencer County's 11 North American Industry Classification System super-sectors had annual average earnings greater than the Indiana average for those industries. The county's manufacturing industry had the highest average earnings at \$38,677 per year, with the information industry second at \$36,406, while the industry with the lowest annual earnings number was leisure and hospitality services at \$11,838. The same industries statewide paid an average \$47,638, \$43,315, and \$13,875 per year, respectively.

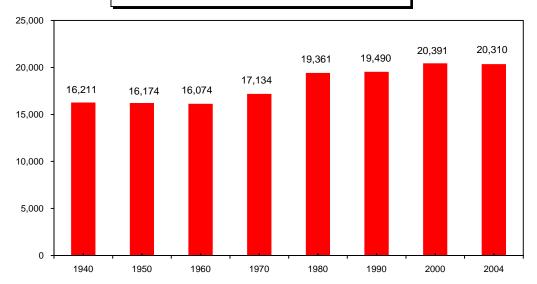
SPENCER COUNTY AND CITY POPULATION

COUNTY & Cities/Towns	1990 CENSUS	2000 CENSUS	2004 POPULATION ESTIMATES	NUMERICAL CHANGE FROM 2000-2004	PERCENT CHANGE FROM 2000-2004
SPENCER CO	19,490	20,391	20,310	-81	-0.4%
CHRISNEY	511	544	526	-18	-3.3%
DALE	1,553	1,568	1,540	-28	-1.8%
GENTRYVILLE	277	262	249	-13	-5.0%
GRANDVIEW	761	696	685	-11	-1.6%
ROCKPORT	2,315	2,160	2,092	-68	-3.1%
SANTA CLAUS	927	2,041	2,201	160	7.8%

SPENCER COUNTY POPULATION

		NUMERICAL	%
YEAR	POPULATION	CHANGE	CHANGE
1940	16,211	-502	-3.0%
1950	16,174	-37	-0.2%
1960	16,074	-100	-0.6%
1970	17,134	1,060	6.6%
1980	19,361	2,227	13.0%
1990	19,490	129	0.7%
2000	20,391	901	4.6%
2004	20,310	-81	-0.4%

SPENCER COUNTY POPULATION



Source: Stats Indiana, U.S. Census Bureau 1940-2000 Census and 2004 Population Estimate

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

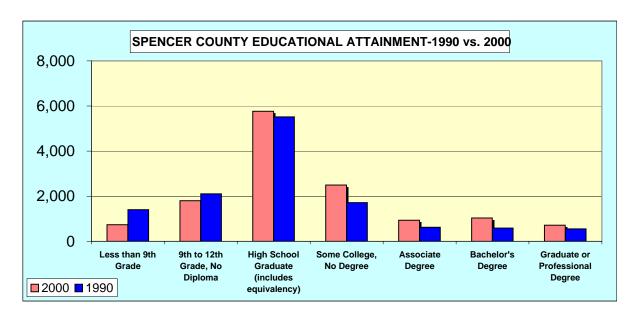
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2003 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES HIGHER EDUCATION INTENT

EDUCATION INTENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
Graduates	299	100.0%
Total to Higher Education	240	80.3%
Four-Year Institution	169	56.5%
Two-Year Institution	47	15.7%
Vocation/Tech. Institution	24	8.0%

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT - POPULATION 25 YEARS & OVER

EDUCATION LEVEL	1990	% IN 1990	2000	% IN 2000
Less than 9th Grade	1,406	11.2%	740	5.5%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	2,106	16.8%	1,801	13.3%
High School Graduate (includes equivalency)	5,515	44.1%	5,769	42.8%
Some College, No Degree	1,714	13.7%	2,493	18.5%
Associate Degree	622	5.0%	937	6.9%
Bachelor's Degree	590	4.7%	1,034	7.7%
Graduate or Professional Degree	556	4.4%	717	5.3%
TOTAL - POPULATION 25 YEARS & OVER	12,509	100%	13,491	100%



Sources: Indiana Business Research Center, Stats Indiana and U.S. Census Bureau.

SPENCER COUNTY COMMUTING PATTERNS

Number of persons who live in Spencer County and work (labor force)	14,077
Number of persons who live in Spencer County and work in Spencer County	9,225
Number of persons who live out of and work in Spencer County	2,346
Total number of persons who work in Spencer County (work force)	11,571

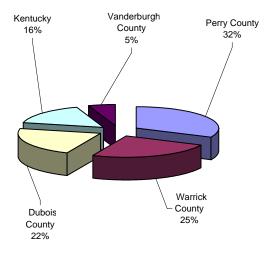
Top five counties sending workers INTO Spencer County:

Perry County	661	
Warrick County	511	
Dubois County	456	
Kentucky	330	
Vanderburgh County	112	
Total of above	2,070	equals 17.9% of work force

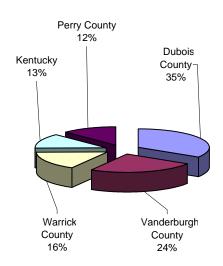
Top five counties receiving workers FROM Spencer County:

Dubois County	1,469	
Vanderburgh County	1,061	
Warrick County	712	
Kentucky	557	
Perry County	537	
Total of above	4,336	equals 30.8% of labor force

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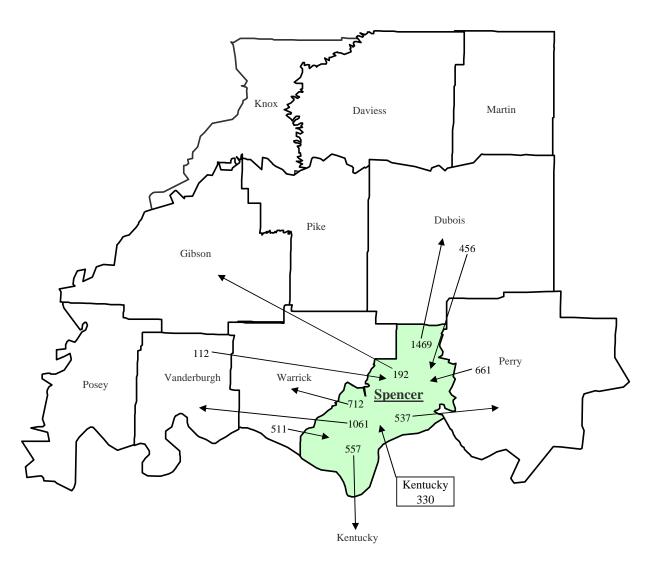


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Data Source: Indiana Dept. of Revenue--Based on IT-40 Returns for Tax Year 2003 Report produced by STATS Indiana on Jan. 26, 2005

Spencer County



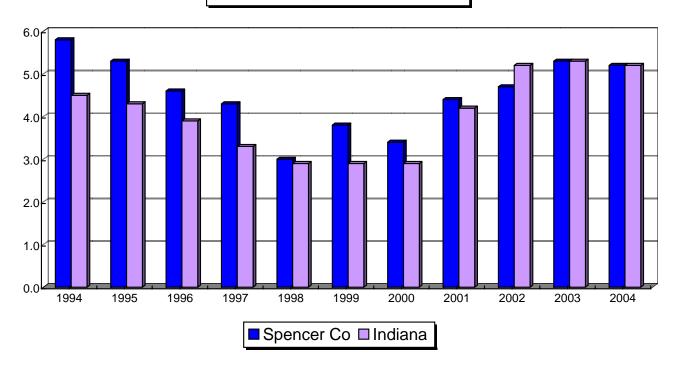
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SPENCER COUNTY LABOR FORCE

(1994 - 2004)

	LABOR			Spencer Co	Indiana
YEAR	FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	RATE	RATE
1994	10,850	10,220	630	5.8	4.5
1995	11,190	10,600	590	5.3	4.3
1996	11,110	10,600	510	4.6	3.9
1997	11,280	10,800	480	4.3	3.3
1998	12,140	11,770	370	3.0	2.9
1999	12,030	11,570	460	3.8	2.9
2000	11,070	10,700	370	3.4	2.9
2001	10,600	10,140	460	4.4	4.2
2002	10,620	10,120	500	4.7	5.2
2003	10,750	10,180	570	5.3	5.3
2004	10,630	10,080	550	5.2	5.2

AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE Spencer County vs. Indiana 1994-2004



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment and U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

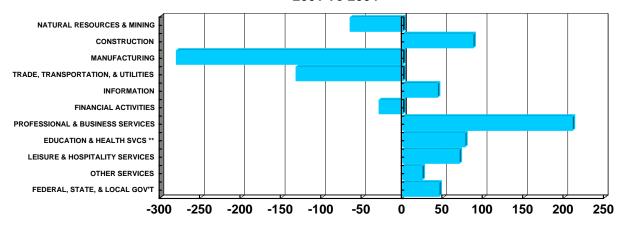
Reflects new modeling approach and re-estimation as of March 2005.

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

SPENCER COUNTY EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY 2001 to 2004

	2004					NUMERICAL	
	NO. OF		AGE EN			CHANGE	CHANGE
INDUSTRY SECTORS (NAICS)*	FIRMS	2001	2002	2003	2004	2001-2004	2001-2004
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT **	459	7,162	7,219	7,287	7,178	16	0.2%
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	18	167	164	95	102	-65	-38.9%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting Mining			Confide Confide				
CONSTRUCTION	53	137	229	273	224	87	63.5%
MANUFACTURING	26	1,891	1,846	1,708	1,611	-280	-14.8%
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, & UTILITIES	135	1,739	1,683	1,586	1,607	-132	-7.6%
Wholesale Trade	37	544	545	512	465	-79	-14.5%
Retail Trade	55	663	603	582	575	-88	-13.3%
Transportation & Warehousing			Confide	ential			
Utilities			Confide	ential			
INFORMATION	7	74	109	115	117	43	58.1%
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	29	149	157	146	120	-29	-19.5%
Finance & Insurance	17	132	140	130	102	-30	-22.7%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	12	18	17	16	18	0	0.0%
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	43	305	343	550	515	210	68.9%
Professional & Technical Services			Confide	ential			
Management of Companies & Enterprises			Confide	ential			
Administrative & Waste Services	16	230	262	453	414	184	80.0%
EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES **	42	1,199	1,251	1,254	1,276	77	6.4%
Educational Services **	18	932	956	979	990	58	6.2%
Health Care & Social Assistance **	24	268	296	276	286	18	6.7%
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY SERVICES	38	798	763	876	868	70	8.8%
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation		Confidential					
Accommodation & Food Services		Confidential					
OTHER SERVICES	37	203	200	220	227	24	11.8%
FEDERAL, STATE, & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	46	1,002	986	991	1,047	45	4.5%

Change in Spencer County Industry Employment 2001 To 2004



^{*} NAICS - North American Industry Classification System. ** Includes private and government employment in this industry Confidential = Data suppressed due to confidentiality restrictions.

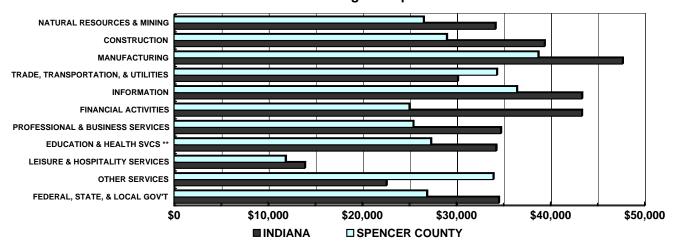
Notes: 1. Data may not add to total due to rounding, suppression of confidential numbers, inclusion of unclassified data, an duplication of government employment numbers. 2. Industries listed are "private industry" unless otherwise noted. Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment

INDUSTRY EARNINGS

SPENCER COUNTY AVERAGE ANNUAL EARNINGS BY INDUSTRY 2001 to 2004

								2004
			SPENCE	R COUNT	Υ		INDIANA	SPENCER
	2001	2002	2003	2004	CHANGE 20	001 to 2004	2004	% DIFFERENCE
INDUSTRY SECTORS (NAICS)*	WAGES	WAGES	WAGES	WAGES	DOLLARS	PERCENT	WAGES	FROM INDIANA
ALL INDUSTRIES **	\$28.805	\$29,527	\$29,085	\$29,382	\$577	2.0%	\$34,693	-18.1%
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	\$40,421	\$37,879	\$26,065	\$26,493	-\$13,928	-34.5%	\$34,117	-28.8%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	Ψ+0,+21	Confident	. ,	Ψ20,430	ψ10,320	04.070	\$25,490	20.070
Mining		Confident					\$49,836	
CONSTRUCTION	\$25,187	\$23,364		\$28,956	\$3,769	15.0%	\$39,343	-35.9%
MANUFACTURING	\$37.944	\$39.390	\$38,784	\$38.677	\$733	1.9%	\$47,638	-23.2%
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, & UTILITIES	\$31,157	\$32,123	\$33,154	\$34,281	\$3,124	10.0%	\$30,126	12.1%
Wholesale Trade	\$30,636	\$32,229	\$34,392	\$36,953	\$6,317	20.6%	\$46,107	-24.8%
Retail Trade	\$15,578	\$17,313	\$17,635	\$18,049	\$2,471	15.9%	\$21,445	-18.8%
Transportation & Warehousing	Confidential				, ,		\$35,135	
Utilities		Confidentia	al				\$62,844	
INFORMATION	\$41,280	\$36,352	\$35,669	\$36,406	-\$4,874	-11.8%	\$43,315	-19.0%
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	\$22,765	\$22,998	\$25,484	\$24,976	\$2,211	9.7%	\$43,304	-73.4%
Finance & Insurance	\$24,479	\$24,579	\$27,266	\$26,781	\$2,302	9.4%	\$48,404	-80.7%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	\$10,071	\$10,313	\$11,129	\$14,490	\$4,419	43.9%	\$28,852	-99.1%
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	\$23,645	\$22,962	\$24,718	\$25,393	\$1,748	7.4%	\$34,701	-36.7%
Professional & Technical Services		Confident	tial				\$45,324	
Management of Companies & Enterprises		Confident	tial				\$66,811	
Administrative & Waste Services	\$22,550	\$21,897	\$24,478	\$25,681	\$3,131	13.9%	\$22,727	11.5%
EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES **	\$26,385	\$26,429	\$26,725	\$27,276	\$891	3.4%	\$34,206	-25.4%
Educational Services **	\$28,429	\$28,797	\$28,666	\$29,341	\$912	3.2%	\$33,107	-12.8%
Health Care & Social Assistance **	\$19,269	\$18,771	\$19,842	\$20,117	\$848	4.4%	\$34,965	-73.8%
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY SERVICES	\$10,232	\$11,805	\$10,663	\$11,838	\$1,606	15.7%	\$13,875	-17.2%
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	C	Confidentia					\$25,802	
Accommodation & Food Services	Confidentia						\$11,574	
OTHER SERVICES	\$32,573	\$33,712	\$34,631	\$33,903	\$1,330	4.1%	\$22,543	33.5%
FEDERAL, STATE, & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	\$25,605	\$26,906	\$27,345	\$26,847	\$1,242	4.9%	\$34,484	-28.4%

Spencer County and State of Indiana 2004 Earnings Comparison



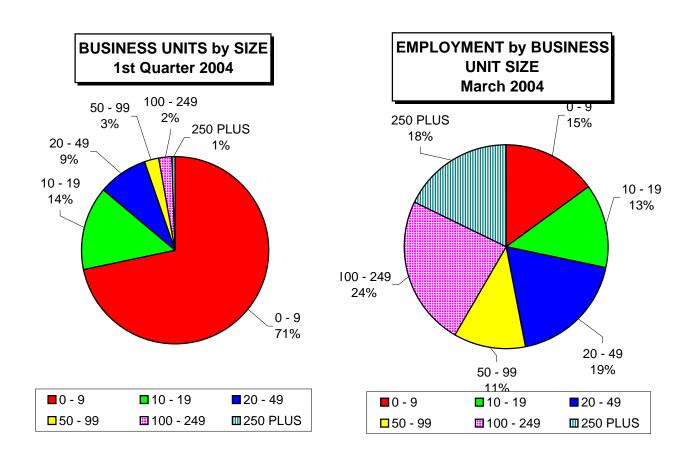
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Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment

SPENCER COUNTY FIRMS and EMPLOYMENT by SIZE

	NUMBER of	EMPLOYMENT by
UNIT SIZE	BUSINESS UNITS	BUSINESS UNIT SIZE
(Number Employed)	1ST QUARTER 2004	MARCH 2004
0 - 9	333	1,009
10 - 19	67	895
20 - 49	40	1,262
50 - 99	12	765
100 - 249	10	1,602
250 PLUS	3	1,200
TOTAL	465	6,733

Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.



Source: Covered Employment, Research & Analysis, Indiana Department of Workforce Development



NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM TECHNICAL NOTES

For over sixty years, industry information has been compiled using the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system. Since 1993, the industry data tables in this publication were classified by SIC.

Beginning with the 2002 issue of the Highlights report, new industry data tables are based upon the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

Developed jointly by the United States, Canada and Mexico to produce comparable data, NAICS was introduced in 1997 to replace the SIC system. Because of its' scope and complexity, the transition to NAICS has taken three years to complete and is now effective beginning with 2001.

NAICS provides a more specific classification system reflecting the economy's changing industrial composition. NAICS focuses on how products and services are created, as opposed to the SIC focus on what is produced.

This reorganization has created breaks in the industrial classification time series. Even though, for example, the Manufacturing industry group is still listed, the current statistical data for Manufacturing may not be comparable to what was previously shown.

Example: An industrial machine company has its employment offices in a separate building. Those workers may now be listed in the Professional and Business Services industry under NAICS, rather than in Manufacturing. The same is possible for other industries.

NAICS uses a six digit hierarchical coding system to classify all economic activity. NAICS-United States allows for the identification of 1,170 industries compared to the 1,004 found in the SIC system. NAICS classifications are reviewed every three years. For purposes of this publication, we will be classifying economic activities into 11 NAICS 'super sectors' and 15 NAICS sectors.

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The following is a listing of the NAICS 'super sectors' we will be using:

Natural Resources & Mining includes agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, and mining.

Construction

Manufacturing

Trade, Transportation & Utilities includes wholesale and retail trade, utilities, transportation, and warehousing.

Information includes publishing, motion pictures, sound recording, broadcasting, Internet publishing, telecommunications, Internet service providers, search portals, data processing, news syndicates, libraries, and archives.

Financial Activities includes finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing.

Professional & Business Services includes professional, scientific, and technical services, management of companies and enterprises, administrative/support, and waste management and remediation services.

Education & Health Services includes educational and health services, health care, and social assistance.

Leisure & Hospitality includes arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services.

Other Services includes repair, maintenance, personal, laundry services and religious, grantmaking, civic, social, and professional organizations and private households.

Federal, State & Local Government includes total government employment.

Note: For more information on the North American Industry Classification System, you may refer to the U.S. Census Bureau page on NAICS at http://www.census.gov/epcd/www/naics.html

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